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For : METHOD OF DIGITAL IMAGE
ENHANCEMENT AND SHARPENING

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCTUS99/21067
International Filing Date: September 13, 1999
Priority Date Claimed: September 14, 1998
Title of Invention: METHOD OF DIGITAL IMAGE ENHANCEMENT AND SHARPENING
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Oleg N. Portniaguine and Michael S. Zhdanov

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) (X) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
7. (X) **A FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Please add the prior to the first paragraph of text:

-- This application is the U.S. National phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US99/21067, filed September 13, 1999. --
8. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
9. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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				FEES
BASIC FEE				\$100.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	18 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0 ×	\$80	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$270	\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$100.00

10. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.
11. (X) A check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
12. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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